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Bore off the prize of verse from his compeers,  
When each had numbered more than four score years;  
And Theophrastus at four score and ten  
Had begun his 'Characters of Men.'  
Chaucer at Woodstock, with the nightingales,  
At sixty wrote the 'Canterbury Tales.'  
Goethe at Weimar, toiling to the last,  
Completed 'Faust' when eighty years were past.  
What then, Shall we sit idly down and say,  
The night hath come; it is no longer day?  
—For age is opportunity no less  
Than youth itself, though in another dress.  
And as the evening twilight fades away,  
The sky is filled with stars invisible by day."

—Longfellow.

"You never can tell what your thoughts will do,  
In bringing you hate or love;  
For thoughts are things, and their airy wings  
Are swifter than carrier doves.  
They follow the law of the universe,—  
Each thing must create its kind;  
And they speed o'er the track to bring you back  
Whatever went out from your mind."

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"There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave,  
There are souls that are pure and true;  
Then give to the world the best you have,  
And the best will come to you.  
Give Love, and love to your heart will flow,  
A strength in your utmost need;  
Have faith, and a score of hearts will show  
Their faith in your word and deed."

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## Editorial Department

### Existing Political Conditions.

The present confusing conditions will be eradicated only when statesmen learn that there are higher powers than political intrigues, motives and interests. When they learn the might that exists in truth; when they learn that the great moral and philosophical ideas which have seized on men's souls are the most efficient, durable forces which are acting in the world; when they learn that the past and present are not the future, but that the changes already existing in the minds of men are only forerunners, the signs of mightier revolutions. Politicians, absorbed in near objects, are prophets only on a small scale, and though they may foretell the outcome of the coming election, the breaking of a deep moral conviction in the mass of men is a mystery which they have little skill to interpret.

The future of the nations is to take its shape, not from the struggle of parties or leaders for power or station, but from the great principles which are silently unfolding themselves in the minds of mankind. A far higher and more rational conception of freedom than entered the minds of those in past ages, is spreading itself, and is changing the face of society. Equality before the law has become the watchword of all civilized countries. The worth of a human being is better understood. His worth as an individual, on his own account, and not as a useful tool for other's progress, is found to attach a sacredness and dignity to every man because each man is immortal. Such is the current of thought. Principles of a higher order are beginning to operate, and

the dawn of these everlasting lights is a sure omen of a brighter day.

Politicians seizing on narrow and selfish principles, expect them to last forever. They live in hopes that their machinery will determine the movements of the world, but if history teaches any lesson, it is the impotence of statesmen. Happily a realization of this impotence is spreading, with the spread of light and moral force among the people.

In the great conflict between the oriental and western world, which was decided at Thermopylae and Marathon; in the great conflict between Polytheism and Theism; in the American Revolution; in these grandest epochs of history what was it that won the victory? Not political management nor self-interest, but the principles of freedom, moral power and enthusiasm, the divine aspirations of the human soul. Great thoughts and great emotions have a place in human history, which no historian has ever given to them, and the future will be more determined by these than by the past.

We find in the planetary influences, as taught by astrology, the great fundamental principles underlying these periods of progress. It is a law of that unseen, but most certain dominion, which even here among the blinding shadows which conceal His immediate workings, the great Infinite Force of all life is administering, that they, who being set anywhere to do His will, neglect to do it, are replaced by other and more faithful instruments. How its operation is, in every case, to be reconciled with the reality of man's free agency and separate probation, we may be unable to perceive; how amidst the conflicting waves of men's evil wills and rebel-

lions impulses, and the mighty tempests of this trouble world, He does yet so rule that all these separate wills, each singly and independent, do all work out together the wise purpose of His eternal counsels, we may be unable to conceive. That it should be so, is essential to the reality of His Government. That there is nothing repugnant to human nature in the basis of Astrology, is proved by the number of great minds which have been led by it, when properly prepared by education; and the arguments now held conclusive against Astrology get their strength in the minds of the people from no other circumstances, than that which formerly was the proof of considerations which were held equally decisive in favor of it, viz., the bias of education.

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The August and September numbers of *The Stellar Ray* will be combined in one issue and appear early in September.

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### The Balance of Power.

Although it is a truth that "man is the master of his destiny," there may be periods in the experience of an individual when the balance of power is against him, although even then the fact is due to himself.

It is ever to be regretted when through carelessness, ignorance, or disobedience to law, supremacy slips from a man's grasp and he is overwhelmed by the consequences; to be regretted because of the suffering and humiliation that are inevitable and the time and effort required for reconstruction and correction.

This is sometimes an appalling consideration when time must be computed by generations and its effect impossible to estimate because of the far-reaching results.

Here is a young man who has been reared under conditions which have nourished his superior faculties such as reverence for truth, purity, useful-

ness, consideration for others, and worthy aspirations for masterful achievements. Sensuality, cruelty and greed would seem to have no representative within his individuality. As he brushes against these substances in business and society, friction is caused, and a spark from the flame of greed sweeping through the enterprise he may be identified with, ignites within himself, and smolders imperceptibly. The balance of power so far is unquestionably his own. Then he swerves one point from the high standard of "live and let live," and he grinds just a little in one line of action; in time it seems necessary to put some self-seeking pressure to bear somewhere else in order to keep abreast of the times.

In the course of a few brief years that bright, strong man is a slave, driven by selfishness. When a breath of liberality passes within his reach, or a chord of helpfulness to others thrills his memory he finds himself bound as a bird in the toils. The period in which but one strong stroke would have lifted him out of the toilers' reach has passed—now only torn and weakened may he be released. Then, too, what about the harvest from the sowing of greed and oppression? He has accumulated wealth, he may spend it all in alleviating poverty and lifting the burdens of life, but it may not stem the tide of baneful influence that he has set in motion.

Perhaps while still on earth he may awaken to a realization of what the result would have been had he held the balance of power within himself. If the contact which at first caused friction had been heeded as a signal to keep a firm hand on the pilot wheel of purpose he would have steered clear of the rocks which had wrecked his barque. Then the high purpose would have left nothing to regret—but instead an example of merit for others to follow; it would have lifted up instead of crushing, it would have gone out into currents of purification in-

stead of swelling the stagnant pools of selfishness.

The balance of power is with the originator of each enterprise. It may become a success or a failure; it is his privilege to issue the command.

There has never been a time when this truth could be more clearly demonstrated, never a time when success could be more quickly attained or failure more suddenly and ruthlessly experienced. There were never any days in which true merit was more sought after than in these present years, and it is because the world is growing wiser. It is finding out by experience that the balance of power lies in integrity. Grafters, swindlers and the greedy are being swept away by the undertow of greed, graft and dishonesty, to be stranded on some barren shore, to realize what placed them there.

No enterprise that has interwoven within its mesh threads of greed, oppression, cruelty and self-seeking to the exclusion of others will ultimately succeed, for selfishness will hold the loom and the result will be a worthless fabric. The enterprise that has in its warp and woof no threads of desire to take advantage of weakness, ignorance and innocence, but whose spindles are fed by threads of justice, liberality and fair consideration to every spinner at its distaffs, such an enterprise is as sure to succeed as is the other to tangle and break.

When the important truth that obedience to these unwritten laws is a factor more vital to success than is obedience to the legal technicalities of business, then shall be known the secret of how to retain the balance of power.

The realms which natural scientists have been vainly endeavoring to penetrate are rapidly being opened by those who first have become masters of their own kingdom, self, ere attempting to unravel other mysteries. Scientists must first grasp the idea

that to understand and conquer self is to know all in the universe, for as we have learned man is an epitome, the image of good; hence to know man is to comprehend the all.

—Science and Key of Life.

### Purification, the First Essential to True Knowledge.

We find all real knowledge is based on experience. Man seeks truth, and desires to experience truth for himself to grasp, to realize and feel it within himself, not others' opinions, but realization. Many great teachers have sought to instruct the world to help forward the evolution of humanity, and have voiced for the world that which they themselves had experienced in the minor consciousness, and therefore had realized. Those in the mortal who are today seeking to probe the intricate problems of life must have the faculty of faith developed in a measure at least to accept the statements made by others, or must get first hand experience for themselves.

Now every science has its own methods of investigation, whether it be chemistry, geology, astronomy or astrology, and if one desires to become an astrologer he must follow certain rules and methods; first, the planetary and the principles with which the planets correspond and their bearing upon the individual must be carefully studied. Men of pure hearts and lives have sought to give out knowledge with the one desire to aid humanity. All our great teachers have declared there is one universal law, underlying all forms of science, creeds, doctrines and dogmas.

The skeptic cries out for proof, and when you call his attention to the science of self-knowledge to which the life must be consecrated if he would have that first hand consciousness born of experience, he mocks and ridicules. This is only because men of culture and education and intellect are



busily engaged in noticing facts from without by the objective brain through the senses, a task comparatively easy, because the instruments needed for such work are ready at hand.

The telescope enables mankind to observe facts in nature, obscure to the unaided physical sight, but in the subjective or internal world, we have but one instrument, and that is the mind itself. The power of mind when properly guided and directed will analyze mind and see that which is back of it, but thought must be strong, steady and determined ere it can be accomplished, and most of us today scatter our thoughts rather than concentrate or focus them. If one wishes to see with the mind, the same method must be used, but as we look about us intelligently upon the majority, we find they seek to escape from the mind rather than to use it, or escape from thought rather than to think.

In the public schools of this day, education, so-called, is gained at the cost of concentration, and it would seem that in this age the quality of concentration is lacking. From the youth upwards the training has been chiefly in externals, so that the faculty for observing the subjective or internal side of things is almost atrophied.

Christ taught, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven, and all these things shall be added unto you," meaning from this that within ourselves, if we did only seek, forces and powers would open up and the key of knowledge be discovered. There is a science taught by all masters and teachers, but their pupils are few. In this science is the key of all sciences, but it demands more than intellect or intellectual conception. It is the truth the harmonizing power or the Yoga, the science of the soul; that soul so mighty that the soul is but its instrument, its telescope of observation on this plane.

Each must use his own telescope, for though he may gain method and direction and aid, still each man is,

and must be unto himself the way, the truth, the life. The first step is, and must be purification. The lens of the telescope must be clear to reflect truly.

### A Memory System.

Forget each kindness that you do  
As soon as you have done it;  
Forget the praise that falls to you  
The moment you have won it;  
Forget the slander that you hear  
Before you can repeat it;  
Forget each slight, each spite, each  
sneer,  
Wherever you may meet it.

Remember every kindness done  
To you, whate'er its measure;  
Remember praise by others won,  
And pass it on with pleasure;  
Remember every promise made  
And keep it to the letter;  
Remember those who lend you aid,  
And be a grateful debtor.

—Washington News Letter.

### Church of the Restoration.

There has been a widespread interest shown in esotericism in this country, and many persons have been turning to Oriental systems of mysticism for enlightenment. One reason for this has been that the accepted English version of the New Testament is a translation which is useless to such students. In some passages it has been purposely mistranslated in the effort to uphold theological dogmas, and the esoteric sense of words taken from the Mysteries with which the original Greek New Testament abounds has been persistently ignored. But the old theology, built upon this literal translation, is fast losing its hold on thinking people of today, and it would seem

that the time has arrived when the inner, mystical interpretation should be presented.

The Church of the Restoration, to be organized this fall, will undertake to restore the original teachings of Christianity, freed from all later theological accretions, which will place it far more in accord with other reliable occult systems. A new, un doctrinal translation, with commentary, will be Testaments that are considered authentic.

This new Church will be placed under the management of a General Council; will be creedless, and will welcome to its membership sincere students of any form of religion who seek to express the spirit of the Christos, the Divine Self.

The following members have been selected to draft a plan of organization: Messrs. James M. Pryse and Herbert Bridle, of Los Angeles; Rev. C. A. Livingston, of Port Henry, N. Y.; Mr. Frederick W. Flint, of Schenectady, N. Y.; Dr. E. B. Guild, Mrs. Julia H. Coffin, Mr. John W. Lovell, Miss Villa Faulkner Page, Mr. William Main, Miss Mary A. Phillips, Prof. Chas. A. Kaiser and Mr. John M. Pryse, of Greater New York. The last named has been selected to act as Corresponding Clerk; address, 26 Charles Street, New York City.

The Christos Assembly is a local group of members formed to hold meetings in New York City, pending the formation of the Church of the Restoration.

## Stellar Science Department

Horoscope blanks and price lists will be forwarded upon request. Address Stellar Ray, Stellar Science Department, Detroit, Mich.

### Were You Born in the Zodiacal Sign, Cancer?

If you were born between June 21 and July 21, the sun was in the sign cancer. This position is good for property inheritance from the parents, also through some occupation connected with water or liquids.

It inclines the nature to home; he is attached to the home and family life and the mother, also prospers with house and land property. It favors birth of children, but in an afflicted horoscope they will be sickly or not prosperous.

People born under this sign represent the magnetic forces of the Zodiac and are natural mediums and seers.

That which is commonly called intuition in others is apt to become inspiration in these natures.

They have well regulated minds and when they talk they have something to say that is worth while.

The females are the best of wives and mothers, are usually good housekeepers while not going to the extreme which causes their family and friends to suffer for their exactitude.

They are especially magnetic and always have friends. They also have good business tact. As children their keen imagination often gets them into trouble, by being punished for not speaking the truth. Wise parents should train this faculty in children born in this sign.

Gentleness and cheerfulness come before all moral morality; they are the perfect duties. If your morals make you dreary, depend upon it they are wrong. I do not say "give them up," for they may be all you have; but conceal them like a vice, lest they should spoil the lives of better and simpler people.—*R. L. Stevenson.*

## Cancer: The Chemistry of the Crab.

Dr. George W. Corey.

Cancer is the Mother Sign of the Zodiac. \* \* The mother's breast is the Soul's first home after taking on flesh and "rending the Veil of Isis."

The tenacity of those born between dates June 21 and July 22 in holding on to a home or dwelling place is well illustrated by the Crab's grip, and also by the fact that it carries its house along wherever it goes in order that it may be sure of a dwelling.

The Angels (Angles) of the twelve Zodiacal Signs materialize their vitalities in the human microcosm. Through the operation of chemistry, energy creating, the intelligent molecules of Divine Substance make the "Word flesh."

The corner stone in the chemistry of the crab is the inorganic salt flouride of lime, known in pharmacy language as *Calcarea Flurica*. It is a combination of flourine and lime.

When this cell salt is deficient in the blood, physical and mental disease (not-at-ease) is the result. Elastic fiber is formed by the union of the flouride of lime with albuminoids, whether in the rubber tree or the human body. All relaxed conditions of tissue (varicose veins and kindred ailments) are due to a lack of sufficient amount of elastic fiber to "rubber" the tissue and hold it in place.

When elastic fiber is deficient in tissue of membrane between the upper and lower brain poles—cerebrum and crebellum—there results a "sagging apart" of the positive and negative

poles of the dynamo that runs the machinery of man.

An unfailing sign or symptom of this deficiency is a groundless fear of financial ruin.

While those born in any of the twelve signs may some time be deficient in Cal. Flou., due to Mars or Mercury (or both) in Cancer at birth, Cancer people are more liable to symptoms indicating a lack of this elastic fiber builder than are those born in other signs.

Why should we search Latin and Greek lexicons to find a name for the result of a deficiency in some of the mineral constituents of blood. If we find a briar in our flesh we say so in the plainest speech; we do not say "I have got the briaritis, or splintralgia."

When we know that a deficiency in the cell-salts of the blood cause the symptoms that medical ignorance has dignified and personified with names that nobody knows the meaning of, we will know how to scientifically heal by the unalterable law of the chemistry life. When we learn the cause of disease, then, and not before, will we prevent disease.

Not through quarantine, nor disinfectants, nor "Board of Health" will man reach the long sought plane of health, not through affirmations of health, nor denials of disease will bodily regeneration be wrought, not by dieting or fasting or "Fletcherizing" or suggesting will the elixir of life, and the philosopher's stone be found.

The "mercury of the sages" and the "Hidden manna" are not constituents of health foods.

Victims of salt baths and massage are bald before their time, and the alcohol, steam and Turkish bath fiends die young.

"Sic transit gloria mundi."

When man's body is made chemically perfect the operation of mind will perfectly express.

Gems belonging to the sign of the breast are black onyx and emerald. Astral colors, green and russet brown.

Cancer is represented by Zebulum, the tenth son of Jacob, and means dwelling place or habitation.

Matthew is the Cancer disciple.

## The Outlook for July 1912.

By Frederick White, Secretary National Astrological Association, and Editor of The Adept.

July comes in under the full of the moon which occurs on the 29th of June at 7:33 a. m. Central Standard time. The new moon occurs on the 14th of July at 7:13 a. m. Same time. At the time of the full moon, the sun is in close parallel aspect to Venus, this being the only close aspect, but being a good aspect, is beneficial generally, indicating a more favorable and harmonious period than has been over the country in the last few weeks, it will have a tendency to cause windy weather, (probably hot air among the politicians), and more than the usual amount of moisture than is common for this time of the year. Business affairs will start to improve and I judge will improve to quite an extent in the next few months. At the time of the new moon, the sun will be in conjunction with Neptune, this also favors business to quite an extent, indicating increase of exports and shipping, many large enterprises will be contemplated and started from this date.

The cereal markets should have considerable strength off and on, although being a little unsettled, and changeable from day to day on weather reports. Stock markets quite active, but safer to sell on advances than to buy on breaks. Many will make changes and change location the last half of the month, and it is quite a good period for travel, or changes although plans made the first of the month will result better in the end than plans made the last half of the month. Between July 22nd and 26th is a period when we

may expect unusual markets, unusual events, radical talk, and more discontent than for some time in the past, but of short duration, probably a few bad catastrophies resulting in large loss of life at this time and danger that there will be assassinations of prominent men in some parts of the world.

He who feels contempt  
For any living thing, hath faculties  
That he has never used,  
And thought with him  
Is in its infancy.

—Phillips Brooks.

## A Remarkable Prophecy Which Came True.

In the June American Magazine there is reproduced an extract from a conversation held in 1827 by Goethe the great German poet and a friend of his, in which Goethe made the following extraordinary prophecies:

"It may be foreseen that the United States, with its decided predilection to the west, will, in 30 or 40 years, have occupied and peopled the large tract of land beyond the Rocky Mountains. It may, furthermore, be foreseen that along the whole coast of the Pacific Ocean, where nature has already formed the most capacious and secure harbors, important commercial towns will gradually arise, for the furtherance of a great intercourse between China and the East Indies and the United States. In such a case, it would not only be desirable, but almost necessary, that a more rapid communication should be maintained between the eastern and western shores of North America, both by merchant ships and men-of-war, than has hitherto been possible with the tedious, disagreeable and expensive voyage round Cape Horn. I therefore repeat, that it is absolutely indispensable for the United States to effect

a passage from the Mexican gulf to the Pacific Ocean; and I am certain they will do it.

"Would that I might live to see it!—but I shall not. I should like to see another thing—a junction of the Danube and the Rhine. But this undertaking is so gigantic that I have doubts of its completion, particularly

when I consider our German resources. And thirdly, and lastly, I should wish to see England in possession of a canal through the Isthmus of Suez.

"Would I could live to see these three great works! It would be well worth the trouble to last some 50 years more for the very purpose."

## Are Text Books Reliable?

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PAPER 4.

Francis Bacon, Lord Verulam, sometimes called "the British Socrates," with all his wisdom, was not exempt from the evil influence of Saturn in the 4th house even though it was trine both his Sun and Ascendant.

On the 4th of January, 1617, he received the higher title of Lord Chancellor; in July of the same year he was made Baron Verulam, and in January, 1620-1, he was created Viscount St. Albans. His fame, too, had been increased by the publication in 1620 of his most celebrated work, the *Novum Organum*. He seemed at length to have made satisfactory progress towards the realization of his cherished aims; the method essential for his Instauration was partially completed; and he had attained as high a rank in the state as he had ever contemplated. But his actions in that position were not calculated to promote the good of his country." (*Encycl. Brit.*)

In March of 1621 grave charges of accepting bribes in cases tried before him were submitted at the bar of the house of Parliament and after some quibbling on part of Bacon, "On the 30th of April his 'confession and humble submission' was handed in. In it, after going over the several instances, he says, 'I do again confess, that on the points charged upon me, although they should be taken as my-

self have declared them, there is a great deal of corruption and neglect; for which I am heartily and penitently sorry, and submit myself to the judgment, grace, and mercy of the court.' On the 3rd of May, after considerable discussion, the Lords decided upon the sentence, which was, that he should undergo fine and ransom of 40,000 pounds; that he should be imprisoned in the Tower during the King's pleasure; that he should be forever incapable of any office, place or employment in the state or commonwealth; that he should never sit in parliament, or come within the verge of the court. This heavy sentence was only partially executed. The fine was in effect remitted by the king; imprisonment in the Tower lasted for about one day; a general pardon (not, of course, covering the parliamentary censure) was made out, and though delayed at the seal for a time by Lord Keeper Williams, was passed probably in November, 1621. The cause of the delay seems to have lain with Buckingham, whose friendship had cooled, and who had taken offense at the fallen chancellor's unwillingness to part with York House. This difference was finally smoothed over, and it was probably through his influence that Bacon received the much-desired permission to come within the verge of the court. He

never again sat in parliament." (Encl. Brit.)

The studious nature of Saturn at the close of life arising from this 4th house position is well shown by the fact that, "The remaining five years of his life, though he was still harassed by want of means, for James was not liberal, were spent in work far more valuable to the world than anything he had accomplished in his high office. In March, 1622, he presented to Prince Charles his History of Henry VII.; and immediately, with unwearied industry, set to work to complete some portions of his great work. In November, 1622, appeared the *Historia Ventorum*; in January, 1622-3, the *Historia Vitae et Mortis*; and in October of the same year, the *De Augmentis Scientiarum*, a Latin translation, with many additions of the Advancement. Finally, in December, 1624, he published his Apophthegms, and Translations of Some of the Psalms, dedicated to George Herbert; and in 1625, a third and enlarged edition of the Essays. Busily occupied with these labors, his life now drew rapidly to a close. In March, 1626, he came to London, and when driving one day near Highgate, was taken with a desire to discover whether snow would act as an antiseptic. He stopped his carriage, got out at a cottage, purchased a fowl, and with his own hands assisted to stuff it with snow. He was seized with a sudden chill, and became so seriously unwell that he had to be conveyed to Lord Arundel's house, which was near at hand. Here his illness increased, the cold and chill brought on bronchitis and he died after a few days, suffering, on the 9th of April 1626." (Encl. Brit.)

The evil position of Saturn was doubtless enhanced by Neptune being so close to cusp of 4th, though in 3rd house, and Mars close to M. C., though in 9th house. These two planets were well aspected. However, I now give the data for the erection of Bacon's horoscope in order that stu-

dents may study it for themselves. He was born at London, 22d January (O. S.), 1561, at 7:28 a. m. M. C. 8° 13' Sagittarius; 11th house 26° Sagittarius; 12th house 14° Capricorn; Asct. 10° 27' Aquarius; 2nd house 11° Aries; 3rd house 16° Taurus; Neptune 2° 20' R Gemini; Uranus 24° 15' Scorpio; Saturn 13° 56' Gemini; Jupiter 19° 16' Aries; Mars 5° 44' Sagittarius; Sun 11° 58' Aquarius; Venus 9° 5' Pisces; Mercury 7° 56' Aquarius; Moon 27° 21' Aries.

Another case of a lawyer who fell by accepting bribes is a decidedly modern one—Abraham Ruef, the erstwhile boss of San Francisco. At one time his power was almost supreme and he threatened to become political ruler of the whole State of California. Even candidates for Governor and the Supreme Bench sought his influence, but his fall came and he is now wearing stripes in San Quentin penitentiary. He was born at San Francisco at 12:30 a. m. on September 2d, 1864, and the positions for his chart are as follows: M. C. 17° 46' Pisces; 11th house 23° Aries; 12th house 2° Gemini; Asct. 7° 32' Cancer; 2nd house 28° Cancer; 3rd house, 20° Leo; Neptune 7° 40' R Aries; Uranus 29° 4' Gemini; Saturn 16° 10' Libra; Jupiter 21° 11' Scorpio; Mars 3° 49' Gemini; Sun 10° 5' Virgo; Venus 22° 41' Virgo; Mercury 6° 38' Libra; Moon 22° 6' Virgo.

It will be noticed that he has Saturn pretty well over towards the cusp of the 5th house and outside of this fact his 4th house is well fortified by the presence of Moon in conjunction to Venus close to cusp of 4th, but this did not save him, though it is well to notice that he had Neptune elevated in square his ascendant and opposition to Mercury, and these bad positions were further evilly aided by the fact that he had Mars and Uranus in the 12th house (House of Imprisonment). When Mars had progressed to a square of his natal M. C. and his progressed Sun came to a conjunction of his progressed Saturn and

other afflictions, his fall came from power and he was indicted and afterwards convicted, though he did not enter San Quentin until March 7th, 1911, when Saturn was transiting his progressed M. C. almost to the minute. This was an interesting case to watch, as he used every effort to escape, but his struggles only seemed to tighten the coils of the law about him, and though others as guilty as he escaped, the power of evil planets in the 12th finally put him behind the bars. It is interesting to note that Hiram Johnson, now governor of California, who after the shooting of

Heney, was the one mainly instrumental in the conviction of Ruef, was born the same day—September 2nd—though two years later, viz., 1866. At the time of the writing of this article Ruef is working for a parole in order, as he says, to work for prison reform as soon as he regains his freedom. Let us hope that he will be successful in his efforts, for our present system of treatment of criminals is in sad need of reformation, and let us also hope that it will not prove a case of "When the devil was sick, a saint would he be; but when he was well, the devil a saint was he!"

## Psychic Research

### Two Seances With Mrs. Wriedt, of Detroit, Mich.

Mr. W. T. Stead, Materializes

After some hesitation, from personal reasons, I have arrived at the conclusion that it is my duty to the undying memory of my dear friend, William T. Stead, and my duty to a great cause, to address this letter to you for publication.

By profession I am a diplomatist, having had the honor to represent my country (Serbia) at the Court of the King of Roumania, at the sublime Porte of the Sultan of Turkey, and three times at the Court of Queen Victoria, and once at the Court of King Edward VII., besides having been entrusted by my government with several important missions and representations at international conferences. I am a member of several learned societies on the Continent, and an honorary member of the Royal Historical Society in London. I mention these per-

sonal facts to claim from your readers the credit that I am a man accustomed to weigh the facts and my own words in full consciousness of my responsibility. I ought to add that for many years I have been interested in the scientific study of occult phenomena, but was not yet a convinced Spiritist.

Having heard that Mr. W. T. Stead's house at Wimbledon, the remarkable American medium, Mrs. Wriedt, with whom Vice Admiral Moore experimented was staying, I asked that lady for permission to pay her my respects, and eventually to have a seance with her. She gave me an appointment for Thursday, May 16, 10:30 a. m. I went there, accompanied by my friend, Mr. H. Hinkovitch, doctor of law and a distinguished barrister at Agram (Croatia) who had just arrived in London.

Mrs. Wriedt took us to Julia's Bureau, and told us that she is what they call a voicing medium, but that under good conditions the materized



spirits may also show themselves. She asked us to examine the cabinet and the room if we liked. As I have been on previous accasion in that room, and examined the cabinet with several German doctors, I did not think it necessary to do that on this occasion.

I and Dr. Hinkovitch took seats near each other in the center of the room, facing the cabinet. Mrs. Wriedt did not enter the cabinet, but sat all the time on a chair near me. She placed a tin speaking tube (megaphone) in front of my friend. She started an automatic musical clock and put all the lights out, so that we sat in perfect darkness.

When a beautiful melody of a somewhat sacred charactr was finished by the clock, Mrs. Wriedt said to us that the conditions were very good, and that we should be able not only to hear, but also to see some spirits. "Yes," she continued, "here is the spirit of a young woman. She nods to you, Mr. Miyatovitch; do you not see her?" I did not see her, but my friend saw a piece of oblong and illuminated fog.

"She whispers to me," continued Mrs. Wriedt, "that her name is Mayell, Adela or Ada Mayell."

I was astounded. Only three weeks ago died Miss Ada Mayell, a very dear friend of mine to whom I was deeply attached. But in that moment there was no other manifestation of her. She disappeared without saying anything more except her name.

Next moment a light appeared from behind the medium and moved from left to right of the cabinet, as if carried slowly by a soft breeze. There, in that slowly moving light, was not the spirit but the very reason of my friend, Wm. T. Stead, not wrapped in white wrappers as I have seen the spirits of other seances, but in his usual walking costume. We both, I and Mrs. Wriedt, exclaimed loudly from joy. My friend, Hinkovitch, who only knew Mr. Stead from photos, said, "Yes, that is Mr. Stead."

Mr. Stead's spirit nodded to me in

a freindly manner and disappeared. Half a minute later he appeared again and stood opposite me (but somewhat higher above the floor) looking at me and bowing to me. And a little later he appeared again, for the third time, seen by us all three still more clearly than before. After his third disappearance I felt that the speaking tube was moved towards my face and then we all three heard distinctly these words:

"Yes, I am Stead, Wm. T. Stead. And, my dear friend Miyatovitch, I am so pleased you came here. I myself came here expressly to give you a fresh proof that there is life after death and that Spiritism is true. I tried to persuade you of that while here, but you always hesitated to accept the truth."

There I interrupted him by saying: "But you know I always believed what you said to me."

"Yes," he continued, you "believed because I was telling you something about it, but now I came here to bring you a proof of what I was telling you, that you should not only believe, but know (pronouncing that word with great emphasis) that there is really a life after death and that Spiritism is true. Now, goodbye, my friend. Yes, here is Adela Mayell, who wishes to speak to you."

Stead never knew Miss Ada Mayell in this life, nor had he ever heard her name before. She then spoke to me in her affectionate and generous manner, trying to reassure me on certain questions which have sadly pre-occupied my mind since her death, and telling me that she is happy now. There is not need to report here all she said to me. Mrs. Wriedt and Mr. Hinkovitch heard every word she said.

Then to my own and my Croatian friend's astonishment, a loud voice began to talk to him in Croatian language. It was an old friend, a physician by profession, who died suddenly from heart disease. My friend, Hinkovitch, could not identify who that might have been, but they continued for some time the conversation in



their native tongue, of which, naturally, I heard and understood every word. Mrs. Wreidt for the first time in her life heard how the Croatian language sounds.

Mr. Hinkovitch accidentally overturned the speaking tube, and although he tried to replace it in the original position, and thought he had succeeded in doing so, the talking manifestations were not continued. When the light was turned on, Mrs. Wreidt found that the speaking tube was not placed properly, and that circumstances, according to her, explained the cessation of further manifestations.

I and my Croatian friend were deeply impressed by what we witnessed on that day, May 16, between 11 and 12 o'clock, noon. I spoke of it to many of my friends as the most wonderful experience in my life. I spoke of it to the most scientific woman of Germany, Frau Professor Margarete Selenka, who has just returned from Teneriffe, where she was establishing a station for scientific observation of apes. Mme. Selenka came to London to hear all the details of the Titanic catastrophe in which her great friend, Wm. T. Stead, perished. We arranged to have a private seance with Mrs. Wreidt on Friday, May 25, at 1 o'clock. That seance was held in Julia's Bureau, but excepting that a voice shouted once, "Sit quiet on the chair," no other manifestation took place. By arrangement with Mrs. Wreidt, I and Mme. Selenka returned in the evening and at 8 P. M. we had a seance, at which, besides me and Mrs. Selenka, Mrs. and Miss Harper and a very charming lady, whose name I did not ascertain, were present. After a short time from the beginning of the seance we all saw Mr. Stead reappear again somewhat more distinctly, but not so clearly as he appeared to me on May 16. That was the only materialization phenomenon of that evening, but as compensation we had wonderful and various voicing manifestations. Mr. Stead had a long conversation with Mme. Selenka

and a short one with me, reminding me of an incident which, two years ago, took place at Mowbray house. Then, again, Miss Ada Mayell spoke to me, telling me among other things that she knew that her sisters and her niece wrote to me, as she wished them to do. After her own mother came and spoke to me, in our own Servian language most affectionately, Mme. Selenka had a very affecting conversation with her husband, Prof. Lorenz Selenka, of the Munich University, and also with her own mother, who died last year in Hamburg; both these conversations were carried on in German. A friend of Mme. Selenka came singing a German song, and asked her to join him, as they used to sing together in old times, and Mme. Selenka did join him singing. Then we had an Irishman, once a naval officer, who had a long, cheerful, and, indeed, quite a sparkling talk with the charming lady, whose name I unfortunately do not know, but with whom the brilliant Irishman seemed to be everlastingly in love. Naturally, although I heard clearly all the conversations in German and English I am not justified in reporting them here. Not even the long statement which Julia made concerning certain suggestions to keep the Cambridge house as a center for psychic research in memory of Stead, can I properly reproduce here. All I wish to state publicly is that I am deeply grateful to the wonderful gift of Mrs. Wreidt for having enabled me to obtain from my unforgettable friend, Wm. T. Stead, a convincing proof that there is life after death, and that Spiritism is true, and for having given me almost a heavenly joy in hearing the affectionate words of my dear mother in our own tongue, and in getting another and sacred proof of the continuance of the living individuality of one of the most charming, most selfless, and generous women whom I have ever known so far in my life.

—Taken From "Light" June 8, 1912.

Let us grow out of the idea that because we do some one a favor or render him a service, that he is thereby under some transcendent obligations to us. Let us recognize the truth that it is we who are obliged if he will permit us to do him a favor.

—Lillian Whiting.

### W. T. Stead.

("He has gone down into the great waters."—"A. G. G." in "The Daily News.")

Yes! as he lived he died; a voyager  
Adventurous ever, on great deeps  
and strange,

Whence new isles dawn and where  
the wide winds stir,

Freighted with Fate and Change.

His was the heart of gold whose  
argosy

No ship on all the sea of life could  
match,

Whose wealth all shared; whose door,  
to each man free,

Was ever on the latch.

Kindness that knew nor end nor  
bound; the power

Thundering its way to thrones; the  
gentleness

That stooped to lift and cheer one  
wayside flower,

One fainting life to bless.

Great heart, intrepid soul, majestic  
brain—

To these, to-day, is many a tribute  
penned.

My wreath is woven of love and wet  
with pain—

I mourn the man my friend.

—From "Light."

### Commodore Vanderbilt's Fondness for Spiritualists and Clairvoyants.

Vanderbilt worked hard, though in an irregular and spasmodic way. When carrying on his hottest Wall Street operations, he would sometimes get up at 5 a. m. In the main, however, he showed little of the plodding instinct. He had no taste for details; his mind saw things in their large aspects; he could map out great programs, but he usually relied upon others to carry them through. In his big transactions he seemed almost to act upon impulse and intuition; he never was able to explain the mental processes by which he arrived at certain important decisions, although the decisions were invariably sound.

He seems almost to have had, as he himself frequently asserted, a clairvoyant faculty; he saw visions,

and believed in dreams and in signs. This greatest practical genius of his time was a frequent attendant at spiritualistic seances; he cultivated the society of mediums, clairvoyants and quacks of all kinds. Before making investments he visited spiritualists, and we have one circumstantial account of his summoning the wraith of Jim Fisk to advise him in his stock operations.

He had innumerable superstitions. He never mentioned the word "will," but always referred to his last testament as "that paper;" in his last illness he attempted to cure himself by placing salt cellars under his bed posts; and he worried much over a certain Biblical injunction concerning the difficulty of rich men in entering heaven. "I see many roads," he said on his death-bed, "but I can't see where they end."

However, he declared that he was willing to entrust himself to Provi-

dence, because, "Providence is as square as a brick." In his last days he manifested also much interest in religion. A few moments before he died, his family, at his request, gathered around his bed and sang, "Nearer, My God, to Thee"—the Commodore himself joining in, in a hoarse, rattling voice. He called upon Dr. Deems, an old Moravian minister who had been his close friend for many years, to pray.

"That was a good prayer," were the Commodore's last words.

*From McClure's Magazine.*

### Psychology and Telephone Girls.

At first sight these two subjects may seem unrelated. But, if Prof. Hugo Munsterberg of Harvard succeeds in applying his theories to practice in Boston, the telephone girl of the near future will be a credit to psychology. He contends that incapacity for switchboard work is due to inability to concentrate the mind. He proposes to improve the general quality of telephone service by eliminating all applicants for positions that fall below the standard in a psychological examination.

The basis of this test is simple. Each candidate is given a column clipped from a newspaper and told to mark out every letter "a." Those who leave more than a fixed percentage unmarked will be discarded as unfit for telephone work. Of course, a time limit is set for the test. The first test is already being made. The records of a number of girls will be preserved and compared with the service they perform on switchboards. If the test is accurate, it will be employed regularly, in Boston at any rate.

If the Boston savant succeeds in providing a class of efficient telephone girls, the public will be his debtor. In all fairness it will then be his duty to fix a psychological test by which it can be determined whether subscribers and their employes and families are decently

well bred enough to treat a self-respecting telephone girl with ordinary civility, when service is delayed. But we fear this will be asking too much, even of so great talents as those of Prof. Munsterberg.—*St. Louis Post.*

"Will you have perfect health, strength and the promise of a long and happy life? Then do not eat unless you are hungry; learn to govern the amount of food taken daily; chew each morsel thoroughly; exercise in the open air; cut out all drinks but pure distilled water; breathe pure air day and night and throw worry over the backyard fence."

—Edward Elmer Kuler.

### The Common People and the New Psychology.

*By Sheldon Clark.*

The New Psychology, to-day, is teaching us the fuller meaning of words which earlier writers employed, either to conceal truth from the common people, or more often to cover, like charity, its multitude of sins, a mass of ignorance concerning the phenomena of mind that were mysteries to them,—and so expressed them in terms equally mystifying,—until illuminated by present-day thought, and the new methods of teaching.

This new era demands that the golden wage of learning must be laid at the feet of the Common People in their ever open court; and expressed in the language, forms and terms of the people, as they have learned them in the Public Schools of America. To attempt to express live thoughts in a dead language is not only bad form, but inexcusable taste.

The day is coming when a Latin or French phrase in English literature will be tabooed, and no longer glut the vanity of a supposed scholar. The day is coming when the religious exercises of all the churches will all be pronounced in the native tongue of

the congregation. The day is coming when the prescriptions, and the diseases which they are supposed to cure, will be expressed in terms as plain to both patient and doctor, as is the money which pays for the diagnosis that the patient does not understand, the prescription which is written in a dead language, and the medicine which he swallows—tho' the name of it never—and yet often grows in his garden or on his farm in the corners of his fence, and learned the *real* name of it at his mother's knee! The money pays for all, whether you know what you are buying or not. The method of the past has been a professional "skin game," very much to the advantage of the "profession."

Hitherto the three great Interests of the human family have been corralled by the three principal professions: The Lawyer looks after your money, and provides for your holding it against all comers, in whatsoever

material it is expressed, the Doctor makes it legal for the druggist to sell you poison, expressed in his own terms, for your body, and the priest looks after your soul in the capacity of an immortal life insurance agent; and he sees to it that you pay your premiums, while in this manifestation, at least. And if you squeal, you are excommunicated; and if you squeal *hard*, you are cursed.

These things are not said in a spirit of censure or complaining; they are merely referred to as the *natural fruit* of the Old Life and the Old Thought in contrast with the New Thought and its consequent New Life and the natural fruits which must be realized from them; for I am persuaded that we are living, and have *always* lived under the reign of *Natural Law*. We are learning how to apply our knowledge to the common things of life, and being One, it is all divine and good. And the sky is red and full of Promise in the east!

## Miscellaneous Contributions

### The House of Joy.

Mabel Gifford Shine.

Ezra Lovell dwelt in the house of Gloom. It was of his own choosing. "Where else should anyone dwell," he said, "in a world so sad and cruel as this?"

He spent many hours every day brooding over the bad things and the sad things in the world. Each day these conditions magnified in his mind, until he could see nothing else. He grew very bitter, and wherever he went he looked out upon the world with a lowering brow and a frown.

Somebody ought to stop all this wrong doing, but no one stopped it.

The poor and helpless could not, and those who could would not.

Was life worth living? Certainly not; life was hideous. What better was there to do than to get out of it as soon as possible?

If one could help, it would be worth tarrying, but as a single individual is powerless, what was the use?

His relatives noting his silence and pre-occupation, surmised that he was "getting religion," and timidly invited him to church on a Sunday. "I'll go," he said, "when I see one practicing what they preach."

A club friend seeing that his despondency was becoming chronic, urged him to accompany him to the

house of Mirth. "You are too serious," said the friend, "you must let up on yourself once in awhile; it will break the spell, change the atmosphere and lighten the clouds."

"I can't do it," replied he, "it is too horrible—like dancing on men's graves. How can I laugh and make merry, when all around me are the poor toilers who never know anything but work and poverty? And worse still, child-toilers who never know any childhood; and worse yet, the sick and starving; and worse yet, the lost souls beat down into the mire and ground in for lack of a chance to get a living?"

"O, come now, you are blue because you are down on your luck. Be optimistic, and look for better days. There is always sure to be something better at hand when luck is the lowest."

"I will prove to you that it is not my luck that ails me," said Ezra; I haven't had any bad luck—except the bad luck of not being able to find anyone interested in making the world better, and giving everybody a chance."

His friends gave him up for a misanthropic crank. And he kept on brooding. At last the thought came to him, why should he not do his part whether anyone else in the world did or not?

What was his part,

If nobody would listen, and nobody cared, what could be done but give them an object lesson; a lesson that should compel their attention. If one of their leaders was suddenly struck down, would it not tell them in a way they would not forget, that there was at least one soul in the world that would not brook wrong doing?

He had brooded so long that his mind was incapable now of any other line of reasoning. When a mind is paralyzed it sinks to the primitive condition, and in any line of reformation is sure to make the primitive mistake, committing evil to overcome evil. This is the mistake that has hindered the world ever since the admonition was given—"Overcome evil with

good." Though there be many who follow the Christ in name, in belief and practice they follow the Deceiver.

Finally a young girl appealed to the misanthropic. "Come with me," she said.

He looked into her sincere eyes; "Where to?" he asked.

"To the House of Joy."

He regarded her sorrowfully; How can you be so heartless? I thought better of you."

"It is because I care so much, that I am there," was the earnest reply Ezra Lovell went his way, but the girl's words remained with him. Falling ill shortly after this meeting, he bethought him of the House of Joy. As a sanitarium it seemed to him a desirable place.

Having arrived, he was met by an attendant who showed him into a little office beside the gate, and led him to a large book in which he was to write his name. It was an agreement to keep the rules of the house.

The applicant read them with dismay. "How can I 'think and speak only pleasant things' all the time I am in this house, when there is nothing pleasant to think or speak about?" he cried, irritably.

"You can think of pleasant things that you wish did exist, and such people as you wish existed."

Lovell grumbled, "Yes, I suppose I can do that; all right, here goes."

It was a beautiful, restful place; inspiring books and music, healthful recreations, charming rambles, and on all sides, bright faces and cheery voices.

That first night it seemed that a great weight, like a heavy, enveloping cloud, had disengaged itself from him, and he felt wonderfully light and free.

He had not cared to talk, the first day, but just wandered around and "took it all in," but the second day he was overflowing with questions. The first person he met was the young girl who had invited him there. He began to ask questions. She laughingly led him to a group of people who were discussing the betterment

of the world along various lines. "Listen," admonished his companion. "If you listen, you will get the answers to all your questions."

"We must send Peace waves over to K—— today," one said; "there is a riot there. The proprietors refuse to comply with the demands of the workers, and the workers refuse to continue work under the present schedule of prices."

"Which side are you on?" questioned Lovell.

"Both," smiled the speaker. "We do not take sides, and we do not settle anything, we send the right spirit. When the feelings are right, right thoughts come, and affairs settle themselves."

"We want to send humanitarian waves to M——" said another; they are trying a man for his life. We must send thought waves there until they see that two wrongs do not make a right, and that a criminal is the product of false education, or no education, and what he needs is right education. And education of heart and mind, not mind alone.

All the faces beamed. "Oh," cried Lovell, "you people are going to make heaven of this earth in a short time, I suppose."

"No," they answered him, "but we can help; we are so happy, because we know we can help and are helping every day. 'Give people the right thoughts and feelings and the right things will be done.'"

"You see," said the young girl, whom the others addressed as Lissa. "we people here have learned that thoughts go to their own place, and multiply their own kind. Gloomy thoughts, false thoughts go to gloomy places and create more gloomy thoughts, false thoughts and all unhappy thoughts do the same, so they increase bad conditions; while cheery thoughts go to cheery places and create more cheer, and right thoughts of every kind, go to their own and radiate abroad to bless the minds of men, wherever they are needed."

"But how do you know all this,"

"It is the law; the law of attraction; like attracts like, and ever goes and comes, and going and coming radiates its quality. And we are demonstrating it continually, both by groups and single individuals. See the changes that have taken place in the world since the groups and individuals started to practice right thought all over the country."

A great sunburst of light broke into Lovell's mind, and his face began to beam like the faces of those about him. "I see it, I see how it is," he cried. "His questions had begun to be answered."

And the following day, he inquired, "When do my treatments begin?"

"They have begun," was the reply; "they are going on all the time every day."

"I was going to tell you," he smiled brightly, "that I did not need them. I am all right. Just to breathe in this atmosphere is a cure."

"That is the secret," said the other, the atmosphere of right mind is life; health, sanity, happiness, wisdom.

"I think," remarked Lovell, "that I will make the House of Joy a permanent residence instead of transient as I had planned."

## Reflections

By Dr. Geo. N. Carey.

Air is solid,—it is everywhere. The aerial elements are one network of threads, wires, belts, shafts, stretching through boundless space. Go ask the aviator. He will tell you how his air boat gets tangled in the web of stuff that fills so-called space. He will tell you of cataracts of air, falling like Yosemite, of holes in the air, of canyons, mountains, plains. One aviator said: "I could almost swear that my machine hit a solid rock up there." Motion of one Sub-

stance is the PRIMAL CAUSE of everything.

#### Life.

Much has been written of late about the "origin of life," "the origin of life on earth," etc.

Life has no origin.

Life is without beginning or end of days.

There is nothing but life.

There is no such thing as dead matter.

A dead world is a contradiction of terms.

World means whirl (whorl), or motion.

All motion (vibration) is life—all life is motion.

Motion, force and life are one and the same.

All force is motion, all motion is force.

All matter is force in concrete form.

All matter is spirit or life in certain rates of activity.

Vegetables, fruits, flowers, taste, perfumes, colors, heat, light, darkness, magnetism, electricity and all known phenomena are rates of motion of One Substance.

Different rates of motion of One Substance cause ALL appearances—even metals, crystal, gold, diamond.

Nothing is *real* but the *one substance, Life*.

#### On Threshold of Truth.

Step by step the scientific investigator is being led to the threshold of the awful, absolute *Truth*, that all matter, or substance, or energy or force—call it what you may—is not only intelligent, but is Pure Intelligence itself. Atoms, molecules, electrons, are but expressions or rates of motion of pure Mind, Thought, or Intelligence that man has personified and called GOD.

Ice is not permeated with water or controlled by water. Ice is water. Matter is not controlled by mind. Mind and matter are one. A high vibration of mind does control, to a

certain extent, a lower vibration of mind, as water may carry a lump of ice here or there, water being a more positive rate of activity of the same thing.

The particles, so-called, of matter know what to do. The atoms that compose a leaf know when to cohere and materialize a leaf, and they know how and when to disintegrate and de-materialize.

"Thou Shalt Have No Other Gods."

Between the Planets, Suns, Systems, Constellations, there is Substance, a *Something*. And that IS OMNISCIENT. It knows what to do. It pulls the strings. It is the original "Wire Puller" of the Universe. Wireless telegraphy has once and for all settled that question. Nothing but Omnipresent Intelligence could spring from Carbon Crucible, step from Point Loma to Labrador, leap snarling seas and sow the air with the hurrying ghosts of thought.

Vibration of etheric Substance,

Causing light through regions of space,

A girdle of Something enfolding

And binding together the race—

And words without wires transmitted,

Aerial-winged, spirit-sandaled and shod,—

Some call it Electricity,

And others call it God.

#### Psalms Proclaim Truth.

In days of old some wonderful poet astrologer writing of planetary influences coined the mighty truth into a witchery of words, as follows (See 19th Psalm): "There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath He set a tabernacle for the Sun." "Their line," means angle or influence.

Why do we call a fisherman an angler? Because he casts a line. Angel is angle or influence personified. Jacob's ladder on which "angels



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### Curiosity.

An Irishman walked up Fifth avenue, dropped into a Presbyterian church and immediately went to sleep. After the services were over the sexton came and shook him by the arm.

"We are about to close up," said that functionary, "and I'll have to ask you to go now."

"What talk have you?" said the Irishman. "The cathedral never closes."

"This is not the cathedral," said the sexton. "The cathedral is several blocks above here. This is a Presbyterian church."

The Irishman sat up with a jerk and looked about him. On the walls between the windows were handsome paintings of the Apostles.

"Ain't that Saint Luke over yonder?" he demanded.

"It is," said the sexton.

"And Saint Mark just beyant him?"

"Yes."

"And, still farther along, Saint Timothy?"

"Yes."

"Young man," demanded the Irishman, "since whin did all thim turn Protestants?"

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